Dewan.—

That is a matter concerning departmental discipline. If the members of this Assembly go on discussing it, they will only prejudice the interest of the employees.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

But will such an action on the part of Government not result in the loss of efficiency?

Dewan.—

That is the look out of Government. If the employees will work well, they will get their pro-

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Are Government aware that only people that were transferred to the State Railways only those that were not considered to be very efficient in their work?

No answer.

Mr. B. S. Ranoji Rao.—

Did the M & S.M. Company give notice to the transferred officials that their appointments would cease unless they took up service in the Mysore State Railways?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. Ranoji Rao.—

If they had lost their appointments then would they have been getting salaries which they are now getting?

Third Member of Council.—

That is a matter which is evident.

MR. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, MR. M. S. DYAVE GOWDA and MR. C. SUBBANNA NAIK (Koppa Taluk); and MR. K. T. SATHYANARAYANA SETTY (Kadur Taluk).—

Q.—18. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether with reference to the interpellation asked in the recent Budget Session of the Assembly regarding

Government's decision refusing permission to edit and publish "Kaniyar Patrika," they have reconsidered or intend to reconsider their decision in the matter favourably?

(2) Whether it is true, as has been said in a note appearing in the "Wealth of Mysore" dated the 19th July 1927 and in a letter under Mr. A. Rangiah appearing in "Sampadabhyudaya," the same day that the local Police are visiting in untimely hours the Sree Rama Press and giving the Proprietor trouble by putting all sorts of questions, relevant as well as irrelevant, under the pretext of making enquiries in regard to "Kaniyar Patrika" and the publications connected therewith?

(3) What action have the Government taken or intend to take in the

Mysore State

motions

Chief Secretary [illegible] Government?

18. (1) Government have not reconsidered their decision.

(2) It is understood that a Police constable visited the Sree Rama Press on two occasions to obtain information about the newspapers printed at the Press. No trouble was caused to the Proprietor.

(3) In view of the answer to (2) above, no action is called for.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that Mr. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao is issuing his paper in cyclostyle?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

Did the District Magistrate give him notice that if he continued to issue the paper, he would be deported and the press in which copies were cyclostyled confiscated?

Third Member of Council.—

A warning has been issued.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

When?

Third Member of Council.—

Some months back.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

Under what authority?

Third Member of Council.—

Under the Mysore Newspaper Regulation.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

Did the City Magistrate give him any warning?

Third Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

Has Mr. Ramachandra Rao replied that he will continue to issue the paper?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

What is the reply of Government?

Third Member of Council.—

The reply is that if he does it, further action will be taken against him.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

What is the further action ?

Third Member of Council.—

The enforcement of the penalties prescribed in the Regulation?

Mr. Satyanarayana Setty.—

What was the object in sending a Police constable to the Sree Rama Press?

Member of Council.—

Some information was required and the constable went there to get it.

Mr. Satyanarayana Setty.—

Have reasons been assigned for refusing permission to issue the paper?

Third Member of Council.—

There is no necessity to assign reasons.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Why did Government not give permission?

Third Member of Council.—

The reasons cannot be given.

Mr. Puttaswamy.—

Even if permission is given, cannot Government take necessary action in case Mr. Ramachandra Rao acts against the Regulation?

Third Member of Council.—

Any paper can be issued only with the previous permission of Government.

Mr. Puttaswamy.—

Why should such permission be not given?

Third Member of Council.—

Permission is not given as a matter of course.

Mr. Puttaswamy.—

What is the objection in the case?

Third Member of Council.—

Government thought that permission could not be given in this case.

Mr. Puttaswamy.—

Then, is Government partial?

Dewan.—

That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. Puttaswamy.—

Are not all the subjects of the State entitled to equal treatment?

Third Member of Council.—

That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. Puttaswamy.—

Is it the opinion of Government that Mr. Ramachandra Rao does not deserve a sympathetic treatment?

Third Member of Council.—

That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—

Before permission was sought, had Mr. Ramachandra Rao committed any offences justifying the present attitude of Government?

Third Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—

Was Mr. Ramachandra Rao editing any paper before this?

Third Member of Council.—

We do not know.

Mr. Bhashyam.—

Were there any writings previously published by this gentleman from which his conduct can be judged?

Third Member of Council.—

Government has not gone into that question.

Mr. Bhashyam.—

Had Mr. Ramachandra Rao committed any offence before seeking the permission in question?

Third Member of Council.—

We want notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—

What was the purpose for which Mr. Ramachandra Rao wanted to issue the paper ?

Third Member of Council.—

The improvement of the Kaniyar Community.

Mr. Bhashyam.—

Are the Government in sympathy with the object or not ?

Third Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Bhashyam.—

Should not reasons be assigned for denying permission ?

Third Member of Council.—

That is not prescribed under the Newspaper Regulation.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Had the Government published any statement of qualifications required of any person seeking permission to edit a paper ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is impossible to do that

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

What are the qualifications expected of an Editor ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is impossible to give a categorical statement of qualifications. Government will consider the circumstances of each case as it arises.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

What are the circumstances ?

Third Member of Council.—

Education, character, reputation, previous experience, antecedents, etc.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Is Mr. Ramachandra Rao wanting in those qualifications?

Third Member of Council.—

I am not prepared to answer that.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

In future at least before denying permission will reasons be assigned?

Third Member of Council.—

It cannot be done.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendra Char.—

Do not the Government think that the cause of the oppressed classes should be furthered ?

Third Member of Council.—

That does not arise.

Mr. Raghavendra Char.—

Have Government not got their interests at heart ?

Third Member of Council.—

They sympathise with every community.

Mr. Raghavendra Char.—

Having given the Kaniyar Community some representation in the Assembly, is it right not to give scope for the community to ventilate its grievances ?

Third Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Nilgiri Sanjeeviah.—

When permission has been given to edit papers for the amelioration of Vokkaligar, Jain, Devanga and other communities, is it right to deny it in the case of the Kaniyars ?

Third Member of Council.—

That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. Nilgiri Sanjeeviah.—

If permission is sought by the Kaniyar Sangha itself, will it be given ?

Third Member of Council.—

It does not follow. They may apply.

Mr. Nilgiri Sanjeeviah.—

In several of the Dewan's speeches the necessity for the amelioration of the backward classes has been impressed on the minds of the people. If so, is it not necessary to give permission for editing the paper under reference?

Third Member of Council.—

Grant of permission to a particular paper has nothing to do with that general question.

Mr. Sanjeeviah.—

Do Government think that the Kaniyar Community has opportunities only to ventilate their grievances through other papers?

Third Member of Council.—

Government have not said that the Kaniyars will never get permission. It is only the particular request made by Mr. Ramachandra Rao, that was not granted.

Mr. Sanjeeviah.—

If any other person seeks permission, will it be given?

Third Member of Council.—

We cannot say that now.

Mr. Sanjeeviah.—

If the Kaniyar Sangha asks permission will it be given?

Third Member of Council.—

If they ask, the request will be considered and a reply given to them.

Mr. Sanjeeviah.—

What kind of reply?

Third Member Council.—

That will be settled in time.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Does Mr. Ramachandra Rao belong to the Kaniyar Community?

Third Member of Council.—

We do not know.

Mr. Malliah.—

Are Government aware that he does not belong to Kaniyar Community?

Third Member of Council.—

It may be so.

Mr. Malliah.—

What are his educational qualifications?

Third Member of Council.—

We want notice.

Mr. Malliah.—

What are his property qualifications.

Third Member of Council.—

We want notice.

Mr. Malliah.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that Mr. Ramachandra Rao has published some articles in the Wealth of Mysore and other papers on communal and other controvercial matters?

Third Member of Council.—

We do not know.

Mr. K. T. Seshaiya.—

The Kaniyar Patrike is already issued in cyclostyle. Do Government think that those issues have done any harm?

Third Member of Council.—

We cannot say that.

Mr. Seshaiya.—

If so, cannot permission be given to edit the paper?

Third Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Seshaiya.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that Mr. Ramachandra Rao is considered to be a Martyr and people have begun to regard him as the "Gandhi" of Mysore?

Third Member of Council.—

They may regard him as anything they like.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Has any application been received from the Kaniyar Sangha for permission to edit the paper?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

Is it possible to say at what hours exactly the local Police visited the Sree Rama Press?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

Is it not true that they visited the Press in untimely hours?

Third Member of Council.—

We do not believe that it was so.

Mr. Seshaiya.—

In view of the popular opinion that there must be perfect freedom of the Press, will the Government be pleased to reconsider their order in this matter?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. S. N. M. Razvi.—

Has Mr. Ramachandra Rao published any articles at any time calculated to jeopardise the Government?

Third Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. B. C. Rangappa.—

Is there any provision in the Newspaper Regulation that permission should be denied only to Kaniyar Patriko?

No answer.

Mr. B. C. Rangappa.—

Is it not true that Mr. Ramachandra Rao wants to safeguard the interests of the Kaniyars?

Third Member of Council.—

That may be your opinion.

Mr. B. C. Rangappa.—

Has any application been made by the Sangha on behalf of Mr. Ramachandra Rao?

Third Member of Council.—

The application is to be made only by the person who intends to edit the paper.

Mr. B. C. Rangappa.—

Are all the papers intended for the amelioration of particular communities edited only by persons belonging to those communities?

Third Member of Council.—

The editors concerned have been permitted to edit the papers. That is all I can say.

Another Member.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao has been trying his best to improve the lot of Kaniyars?

Third Member of Council.—

Mr. Ramachandra Rao has also been working for them. Some may think that he is working for their betterment and some may think otherwise.

The Member.—

Who are those that think otherwise?

Third Member of Council.—

I cannot say that.

The Member.—

How is it possible to think that he would go against the Regulation, even before the paper is edited?

Third Member of Conncil.—

I am not prepared to answer that question.

The Member.—

Why should not Government see whether he commits any offences and punish him if he does?

Third Member of Council.—

The Regulation requires that he should obtain permission and then edit the paper.

Mr. K. V. Veeranna Gowda.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that Mr. Ramachandra Rao has been publishing the paper already?

Third Member of Council.—

He is doing it in cyclostyle.